

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 219

By Harrison

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Lucile Berry Skelton on the celebration of her ninetieth birthday.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pay tribute to those citizens who are celebrating special occasions in their estimable lives; and

WHEREAS, Lucile Berry Skelton celebrated her ninetieth birthday on February 1, 2009, a milestone commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Skelton was born in the Hawkins County community of Kepler; and

WHEREAS, learning the importance of education at an early age, Mrs. Skelton graduated from Surgoinsville High School as Valedictorian of the Class of 1937; and

WHEREAS, after attending Milligan College, she taught school for several years before marrying her beloved husband, the late George Haskell Skelton in 1940; and

WHEREAS, moving to Surgoinsville in the 1950s, Haskell and Lucile Skelton built a house and barn on fifty-two acres of land; and

WHEREAS, with their strong work ethic and dedication, Mr. and Mrs. Skelton ran a thriving farm, while Mr. Skelton worked for the Tennessee Eastman Company until his retirement; and

WHEREAS, Haskell and Lucile Skelton enjoyed fifty-four years together until Mr. Skelton's death in 1994;

WHEREAS, dearly devoted to her family and always endeavoring to remain true to family values of the highest order, Lucile Skelton will be the first to say that the greatest achievements in her rich life are her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Skelton is the proud and loving mother and mother-in-law of Gene and Lynda Skelton, Lynn and Betty Skelton, Anna Kay Skelton, Alice and Paul Clark, and Mark and Joanna Skelton; and

WHEREAS, she is also the beloved grandmother of Shelley Bell, Jennifer Pope, Emily Darling, Ben Shipwash, William Clark, Todd Skelton, Amy Skelton, and Matt Clark; and great-grandmother of Hayden Shipwash, Daniel Pope, Abigail Pope, and Cooper Bell; and

WHEREAS, a woman of integrity who embodies the best of her community, Mrs. Skelton possesses a vitality and a zest for life that is extraordinary for a person of any age; and

WHEREAS, we wish to grasp this golden opportunity to specially recognize one of Tennessee's most outstanding citizens on this very special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Lucile Berry Skelton on the celebration of her ninetieth birthday and extend to her our best wishes for much continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.